

**REMARKS**

The claims are claims 7 to 11.

Claims 1 to 6 are canceled. Claim 7 is amended to correct a minor error. In claim 7 the recitation of the second bus arbiter "granting control of data transfer on said first bus to one and only one of the set of devices including each second bus master and said bus bridge" has been amended to recite "granting control of data transfer on said second bus. This amendment is in accordance with the teaching of the application at page 7, line 26 to page 10, line 12.

Claims 7 to 11 are allowed.

The Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of this amendment. Entry of this amendment is proper at this time because the amendment serves only to clarify subject matter previously recited. Thus no new search or reconsideration is required.

The Applicants respectfully submit that all the present claims are allowable for the reasons set forth above. Therefore early entry of this amendment, reconsideration and advance to issue are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions or other correspondence regarding this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the below listed telephone number and address to facilitate prosecution.

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